

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 6-14 have been canceled, without prejudice, to advance prosecution.

Claims 1-5 will be pending upon entry of the present Amendment.

Withdrawal of the Section 112, first paragraph "written description", rejection of claims 1-5 is acknowledged, with appreciation.

A response to the Request of July 18, 2005 is requested.

The Section 112, first paragraph, "enablement" rejection of claims 1-5 is traversed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested in view of the following comments.

The Examiner asserts that the specification fails to enable the claims as the claimed method allegedly requires the use of a secondary marker to collect the non-detected bands. See page 3 of the Office Action dated July 12, 2005.

The Examiner is urged to appreciate that the claimed method does not require identification of the non-detected proteins. That is, the claims define a subtractive method, such as any known chromatographic method wherein the eluate might be collected as containing unbound, useful material.

The claimed method employs known methods, such as Western blotting, to isolate and/or harvest material which is not immunodetected. A non-specific marker is not believed to be required to make, use and/or define the claimed invention. Undue experimentation would not be required to practice the claimed invention as known method steps are employed. Claim 1 has been amended above to emphasize that identification of non-immunodetected "bands" is not required, which may be the source

of the Examiner's concern. The unamended claims are believed to be supported by an enabling disclosure.

Withdrawal of the Section 112, first paragraph, rejection of claims 1-5 is requested.

The Section 112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 1-5 is traversed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested as one of ordinary skill in the art will appreciate the metes and bounds of the claimed invention.

Specifically, a purification step, as suggested by the Examiner, is not required according to the claims. A collection step is recited. Moreover, the Examiner is requested to appreciate that host-proteins-virus complexes are harvested and/or identified in the first step of the claimed method, wherein an indicator antibody is recited. The applicants submit that first fractions were identified in control as purified virus (Figures 14A, B and C) where additional bands were not observed with Rice Yellow Mottle Virus (RYMV)-CP. The Examiner is urged to appreciate that the proteins collected as a result of the claimed method concern proteins necessary for the biological cycle of the virus and not only proteins relating to the transport via the plasmoderm.

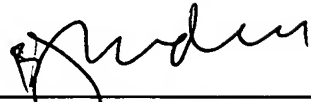
The claims are submitted to be definite and withdrawal of the Section 112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 1-5 is requested.

The claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested.

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